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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

GOLD GLOVE PRODUCTIONS,
LLC, a California Limited Liability
Company and RYAN A. BROOKS, an
individual,

Plaintiffs,

v.

DON HANDFIELD, an individual,
TRESSA DIFIGLIA HANDFIELD, an
individual, RANDY BROWN, an
individual, MICHELE WEISLER, an
individual, CHARLES FERRARO, an
individual, JAY COHEN, an individual,
ROBERT LORENZ, an individual,
UNITED TALENT AGENCY, INC., a
California corporation, THE GERSH
AGENCY, a California corporation,
WARNER BROS. PICTURES INC., a
Delaware corporation, MALPASO
PRODUCTIONS, LTD., a California
corporation, WARNER BROS.
DISTRIBUTING INC., a Delaware
corporation, WARNER BROS. HOME
ENTERTAINMENT INC., a Delaware
corporation, WARNER BROS.
DOMESTIC TELEVISION
DISTRIBUTION INC., a Delaware
corporation, TW UK HOLDINGS INC.,
a Delaware corporation, and DOES 1-
10, inclusive

Case No. CV13-07247-DSF (RZx)

**PLAINTIFFS' REPLY TO UTA
DEFENDANTS' OPPOSITION TO
PLAINTIFFS' MOTION TO
STRIKE DEFENDANTS'
SUPPORTING DECLARATIONS**

FILED HEREWITH: DECLARATION
OF GERARD FOX

The Hon. Dale S. Fischer

DATE: March 3, 2014
TIME: 1:30 p.m.
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Defendants.

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I. Summary of Argument

Plaintiffs' counsel made defense counsel aware of its objections to the declarations at issue. The objections stated are precise, unlike the opposition brief which is full of rhetoric but short on a discussion of the rules of evidence. As noted in the objections, the declarations are full of rank hearsay and speculation and none authenticate the scripts, which are themselves a hornets' nest of mostly undated, copies from over a quarter century or so ago.

II. Plaintiffs' Objections to the Defense Declarations Follow Proper Form

Plaintiffs and defense counsel have communicated in emails, and carefully since defense counsel started sending such emails to the press. After one such exchange, a call was received by Defendants' counsel from a New York Times writer. *See* Exhibit T to Declaration of Gerard Fox ("Fox Decl."). That said, Plaintiffs' counsel has made clear that the declarations are inadmissible. *See* Exhibit U to Fox Decl.

Plaintiffs objections are specific because they need be under the law, and call out the hearsay and hearsay within hearsay throughout these declarations. The form of an evidentiary objection must be specific, and these are. Fed. R. Civ. P. 56(c), *Allen v. Scribner*, 812 F.2d 426, 435 n.18 (9th Cir.), *amended*, 828 F.2d 1445 (9th Cir. 1987).

III. Declarants Do Not Properly Authenticate any Script: Nor Can They

Randy Brown attaches scripts, each undated, lettered by someone as A-J. DN 54-1. He could not in his deposition state whether A was the first in order. DN 146 at 116-119. He testified these came off of floppy discs. But while he provides ten, there are actually at least seventeen and these come off of questioned floppy discs, that have serious admissibility issues attached setting aside defense counsel's misleading and baseless objections to forensic reports. Since the undated scripts offered by Mr. Brown do not match in number those undated ones on the questioned floppy discs, no one can and has properly authenticated any.

1 Mr. Cooper, Mr. Brown's expert has tried to date a select few, but he did not
2 write or create any of these, and why -- the Court might ask -- is a forensic expert
3 providing the dates of creation and not Mr. Brown himself?

4 Mr. Brown stated that the September 1997 script included his friend's Dan's
5 and Pat's notes and it is indicated by Bill Sheinberg, in his declaration, that this
6 September 1997 draft was given to Ms. Gadsby. DN 56 at 4-5. This is impossible as
7 the floppy disc folders and files evidence the Dan and Pat notes versions were
8 supposedly created after Ms. Gadsby received what is called both the September
9 1997 script and Exhibit A to the Sheinberg declaration. DN 130 at 11. Also, the
10 September 1997 script has no specific date, it's just dated "September," making it
11 impossible to match with anything given anyone that month. Most importantly,
12 Mr. Brown testified in detail in his declaration that the September 1997 draft that
13 was the first given to Mr. Sheinberg included the Rosenblatt's scene that is very
14 much in contention as to the source of creation. When one reads Mr. Sheinberg's
15 declaration and looks to the September 1997 script (Exhibit A to that declaration),
16 DN 56-1 at 15, that is supposed to have that scene if all the declarations are truthful:
17 it's not there. This makes it impossible to determine what script, if any, was given
18 to Ms. Gadsby or read by Mr. Sheinberg, and calls all the declarations into
19 question.

20 The Bubble Factory and Cosmic Entertainment scripts are not in original
21 form, include no handwritten notations, cannot be matched with the floppy disc
22 versions with any certainty, and have scenes in them that could not have been
23 written at the times associated with each. *See* Exhibit V to Fox Decl.; DN 56-1 at
24 15, DN 130 at 11; DN 66-4; DN 66-5.

25 None of these scripts were registered anywhere, even by attorney Marcy
26 Morris, a dear friend to Neal Landau, who would be liable for not registering a
27 script her client was optioning, and passing around town.
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1 Ms. Gadsby claims she did coverage on a script but if you read her
2 declaration closely, it does not authenticate any specific script, and cannot, because
3 she mentions a character that does not exist in any of the scripts and is off in terms
4 of describing most of the scripts that come off the suspect floppy discs with dates of
5 creation for that time. DN 122-5 at 266-269. As noted, she was working for Oliver
6 Stone's competing production company at the time, and a public website says she
7 was in Vancouver and Prague a great deal during that time period. *See* Exhibit W to
8 Fox Decl. She does not offer these facts. Instead she incorrectly depicts herself as
9 a regular coverage writer for The Bubble Factory.

10 To authenticate a document you must have firsthand knowledge of a specific
11 document's actual manner of creation and existence, in its entirety, and not just
12 parrot back words written and suggested by lawyers. (All the declarations read the
13 same.) The evidence presented in support of or in opposition to a motion for
14 summary judgment must be based on personal knowledge, properly authenticated
15 and admissible under the Federal Rules of Evidence. Fed. R. Civ. P. 56(e). "The
16 requirement of authentication ... as a condition precedent to admissibility is
17 satisfied by evidence sufficient to support a finding that the matter in question is
18 what its proponent claims." Fed. R. Civ. P. 901(a). Evidence that is not properly
19 authenticated will not be considered by the court when reviewing a motion for
20 summary judgment. *Orr v. Bank of America*, 285 F.3d 764, 773 (9th Cir.2002). *See*
21 also *Salkin v. United Servs. Auto. Ass'n*, 835 F.Supp.2d 825, 828 (C.D.Cal.2011)
22 (Court held that the authenticating witness must have personal knowledge that the
23 document is what it purports to be because he wrote it, signed it, used it, or saw
24 others do so); *Townsend v. Bannister* 2011 WL 7031091 (D. Nev. Dec 6, 2011)
25 (Court held that Defendants' failure to rely on authenticated evidence caused the
26 Defendants to fail to meet their burden of proving that no genuine issue of material
27 fact existed for summary judgment).

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1 **IV. CONCLUSION**

2 For all the reasons stated herein and in the very specific set of objections and
3 motion to strike, these declarations should be stricken under the Federal Rules of
4 Evidence.

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**PLAINTIFFS' REPLY TO UTA DEFENDANTS' OPPOSITION TO
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